**Ray Thomas - Life Milestones**

Not to any sort of scale – for example, my joining the TA and leaving covers over 14 years)

First programming job

TA promoted to Bombardier

Joined Bristol Astronomical Club

Married

Joined Territorial Army

Two years travelling

Informal online help – Lycos, Yahoo etc.

TA promoted to Sergeant

Started work delivering janitorial supplies

First programming class
(Fortran)

Father died

Promoted to head programmer at work

Bought first house

Promoted to supervisor at work

First computer. Learned to program it in various languages, how to upgrade it, how to use software packages

Started regional chapter of National Union of School Students

End of Secondary Education

CIW, CompTIA, & Microsoft certifications

Ivy Tech – graduated with best CIS Graduate Award

Green Card

Severely ill for two years. Chrohn’s, kidney stones, gall bladder removed. Pneumonia and suspected TB

Personal website started <http://brisray.com>

Remarried

3 years at Ivy Tech as student waiting for Green Card

Emigrated to US

Started chatting online to someone who would later become my wife

Left TA

Divorced

Wife became ward of court due to severe mental illness

ACE degree started

Started off-road driving <http://ihor4x4.com>

Started freelance web design

Started work at ISU

Pfizer plant closed down

Started work at Pfizer

Oldest friend committed suicide

Audio / visual technician at Ivy Tech

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